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## BIG COTTON OIL MILL

Now Being Successfully Operated in this City

## RUNNING DAY AND NIGHT

Something About this Plant, and What it is Doing.

The Tallahassee Cotton Oil Company is now running its large oil mills in this city at full speed day and night, turning out about two thousand gallons per day of the very best oil manufactured from cotton seed. To those who have never been through a large oil mill a trip of inspection through this plant will be a revelation, and even those who are familiar with their operation should go down, now that it is running, and see what a large enterprise these people have established here.

It is situated only a few hundred yards southeast of the passenger depot of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, where the old McDougall cotton mill stood years ago, and gives out a rather unpretentious appearance from outside, but it is strictly a business concern from the front entrance to the rear exit. There are at present three buildings—a seed house, 78x180 feet; the main building, 40x140 feet, and the hull house, 50x100 feet.

The former building has a capacity of 3500 tons of cotton seed, and is nearly full now, which means they have enough raw material on hand to operate several months. The main building is two stories high, and contains all the oil producing machinery, with a small wing for a business office. The only machinery in the hull house is a very simple automatic apparatus for filling bags with the hulls.

Under the main building is two very large oil tanks. As the manufactured product is taken from the seed it goes into one of these tanks, or vats, where it is allowed to settle, when it is pumped into large iron storage tanks in the rear, some 75 or 100 feet distant. There it remains until a shipment is ready, and is pumped direct from these tanks to the large railway tanks now used for transporting oil.

Everything about the factory is up to date, and put in with a view to speed, thoroughness and economy in labor, so much so that very few men are required to operate the entire plant. Outside Manager Logan's office is a pair of large wagon scales. Wagons coming in with a load of seed are driven on this. The Manager turns from his desk, balances the scales, pokes his head through a window and learns the name of the owner, whereupon he turns to the desk and puts down the gross weight while the wagon is driven around to a steam elevator which takes the seed right from the wagon into the seed house. The teamster then drives back on the scales, weighs again, gets his receipt and a voucher for his money.

If the seed are brought in by rail, the car goes right on big railway scales, is weighed in like manner and unloaded the same way.

Steam conveyors take the seed from the seed house right into the six big lint machines in the main building. Here every particle of the lint left by the gin is taken from the seed, they go into another machine full of small knives which cuts them into small fragments, then into a machine which hulls them, then into another which separates the hull from the kernel, or oil producing part. Here one conveyor takes the hulls across to the hull house, while the residue is taken into the large mills and thence into the steam heaters. Then it strikes the first hand process. Cloths have to be put into the press by hand and the compressed cakes (covered with cloth) have to be taken out of the cake press and put into the oil presses by hand. Likewise the dry cakes have to be taken from the oil presses and put into the meal grinders, but the workmen have already become so expert in the few days they have been working that it is done with clock work regularity, a press being filled and emptied every ten minutes by two men.

As before stated the oil goes into the tanks. The dry cakes taken from the presses are then run through a mill that regrinds them into meal. There is not a particle of waste. The lint, which comes from the seed in large battings, is put in regular bales, and while it is not worth the

regular price it is worth fully one-half and goes a long way toward paying for the seed. The meal, as is well known, is a much better fertilizer than cotton seed, whole, for the reason that it is in shape to become at once available for sustaining the growing plant. It is worth about \$26 a ton. The hulls also are used for fertilizer with the meal (about "half and half"), and bring about \$20 a ton. The hulls and meal properly mixed is also said to be the best butter producing cow feed on the market.

Immense quantities of both meal and hulls have already been engaged by the tobacco growers of Gadsden county and South Georgia, and Manager Logan thinks he will find sale right here for all he makes, or very near it. If not, he is prepared to put it up and ship it, however, having just received a car load of standard size bags and having all the machinery ready.

The entire plant is lighted by electricity from its own dynamo, and supplied with water from its own artesian well, which has just been bored in the engine room. There is ample fire protection on the premises, too, without calling into use the city's facilities. They have a large iron tank elevated high enough to give all the pressure wanted and plenty of plugs, piping, hose, etc.

The effects of this enterprise, though just getting under headway (not a single shipment having been made yet), are already being felt throughout this section of the State. Notwithstanding small oil mills have been operated in Middle Florida for years, and there has been a big demand for cotton seed, they never sold for more than 12 1/2 to 15 cents, and people thought that was a big price. Already the price has been advanced by this mill to 25 cents "cash and no grumbling."

We want more just such enterprises as this. They are the things that go to make up the large cities of this day and time, and furnish a market for the products of the farms of such sections of country as this. Give us fifty such manufacturing plants as this, and the farmers of Leon county will be enabled to sell everything they can raise—not at starvation prices, but at figures that will soon make them the most independent class in the world.

### Some Church History.

To the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church and the Community in which we dwell—Thinking that a brief sketch of the history and progress of the Presbyterian church in this city for the last two years would be pleasing and profitable to ourselves and our community, the writer, though of but little skill or ability to do justice to his theme, is induced to the effort in the belief that the pleasure—and he hopes, the profit—which he has experienced, has been also that of all who have enjoyed the ministrations and social excellencies of our young pastors, who served us during that period as overseers of this branch of our Lord's Church on Earth.

Just before the expiration of the year's service for which the Rev. T. A. Claggett had been called by this congregation as "Stated Supply," a term in the Theological Seminary at Princeton would hold its commencement, and our young friend and pastor, anxious to avail himself of this opportunity for farther attainment, to exercise his efficiency in the service of his Divine Master, was permitted by the Session of the Church to curtail the period of his service as pastor, and enter the Theological Seminary. In view of this early vacation of our pulpit, the Session entered immediately upon the matter of securing a successor to the pastorate, and was advised by our retiring pastor to address the Rev. Sydney L. McCarty to that end, speaking in such terms of his young friend's powers and promise of future efficiency that the Session was induced to enter into immediate communication with him, and to extend to him a "Call" as "Stated Supply" for the year commencing October 1, 1899, which call he accepted. During this period of his service we had such reason for gratification and satisfaction, that at the expiration of his service as "stated supply" he was called as pastor, by a vote of the congregation so unanimous, as to embrace proxies of members then far away from us and of others confined to beds of sickness.

The writer upon whom devolved the duty and the pleasure of communicating this action of the congregation received in reply a letter of acceptance, so hearty, so full of

Democratic Primary Poll List, Leon County.											
Precinct	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Precinct No. 1	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Precinct No. 2	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Precinct No. 3	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Precinct No. 4	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Precinct No. 5	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Precinct No. 6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Precinct No. 7	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Precinct No. 8	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Precinct No. 9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Precinct No. 10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Precinct No. 11	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
Precinct No. 12	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128
Precinct No. 13	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
Precinct No. 14	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Precinct No. 15	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Precinct No. 16	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
Precinct No. 17	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91
Precinct No. 18	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
Totals	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016	4,016

grateful recognition of the kindly affectionate intercourse he had enjoyed, during the term of his service, with the members of his communion, and no less with the community in which his lot had been cast, that he held that Tallahassee was the home of his choice and affection.

Unfortunately this letter, passing from hand to hand among those who loved and appreciated him, was not returned to the writer, and this is the more regretted as it contained expressions manifesting the happiness of the year's intercourse with the people of Tallahassee, which, the writer would have been glad to embody in this article as conveying the idea of enjoyment of these social relations, in terms of affectionate appreciation, far beyond the writer's ability to express.

In this short period of service the church of this communion has speedily realized, that, the Saviour has sent us one, in the person of his young servant, as the Bishop of this branch of his church, imbued with the Holy Ghost, fervent and efficient in service, and possessed of those qualities of heart and soul which win favor with all who come into association with him.

R. G.

### Tax Sales and Redemptions.

The State Treasurer has remitted to the several counties entitled thereto the amounts due them from the proceeds of sales and redemptions of tax sale certificates for the month of October, as follows:

Alachua	56 57
Bradford	109 01
Brevard	2 20
Calhoun	67
Citrus	103 66
Clay	136 16
Columbia	7 86
Dade	272 68
DeSoto	177 56
Duval	352 35
Escambia	3 43
Gadsden	2 07
Hillsborough	229 99
Holmes	1 50
Lafayette	1 56
Lake	29 08
Lee	9 47
Levy	72
Liberty	49 96
Manatee	2 80
Marion	783 86
Monroe	53 18
Nassau	7 37
Orange	124 29
Osceola	37 65
Pasco	11 76
Polk	736 23
Putnam	41 35
St. Johns	17 08
Sumter	13 19
Suwannee	2 75
Volusia	30 62
Washington	412 16
	\$3,820 80

### The Alkahest Co-operative Lyceum System.

The Alkahest Co-operative Lyceum System which successfully organized in Tallahassee last September with 105 members, and which promised a fine program of entertainment, collapsed on account of the resignation of the officers elected. It was a great loss to the social pleasures of the coming season, as evidenced by the newspaper comments from the various communities enjoying it. We may not be too late for reorganization with such an enrollment list already secured, if some efficient citizen will take hold promptly and reorganize.

### City Council Meeting.

The City Council met in regular session last Thursday night. After transacting the routine monthly business, the matter of Tallahassee's population, as reported in the United States census, was taken up, and Messrs. J. A. Edmondson, T. H. Randolph and L. M. Lively were appointed to investigate the matter. As

published in the census bulletins, Tallahassee's population is one thousand less than it should be.

### Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Governor Bloxham has issued the following proclamation:

"In accordance with a time-honored custom, and in conformity with the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, W. D. Bloxham, Governor of the State of Florida, do recommend the observance of Thursday, the 29th day of November, present, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for his mercy and great goodness vouchsafed to our State and people."

"We have just passed through a great and exciting political contest involving our entire country, and the absence of disorder or lawlessness at the polls and the quiet acceptance of the verdict, again evidences the capacity of the American people for self-government."

"Florida's agricultural, manufacturing, commercial, transportation and other industrial developments are moving forward with most gratifying success."

"Her population during the last decade has shown an increase greater than any of her southern sisters, with one exception, and her people are steadily growing more prosperous."

"Her educational and benevolent institutions are spreading their elevating and benign influence over our people."

"Life, liberty and property within the limits of Florida, are as secure as in any portion of our union, our citizens as law abiding, and peace and order are governing forces, by the influence and example of an elevated citizenship."

"In recognition of these and numerous other blessings, and having special thought and care for the unfortunate, let Thanksgiving Day be one of praise and rejoicing, and be observed in places of public worship and in our homes, by such suitable services as will show our gratitude to the Great Giver of all good."

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 9th day of November, A. D. 1900, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth year."

"WILLIAM D. BLOXHAM,  
Governor of Florida."

"By the Governor—Attest:  
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,  
Secretary of State."

### Leon County Awarded Medals.

Leon county does not intend to be beaten by her sister county of Gadsden, in the matter of winning gold and silver medals at the Paris Exposition. According to the Paris Exposition Edition of the New York Times of October 26, 1900, a gold medal was awarded to the San Louis Vineyard in class 60 (wines) and also a silver medal in class 61 (brandy) and also a silver medal was awarded the Florida Brandy Distilling Company, of Tallahassee Fla., which is owned by the same parties as the San Louis Vineyard. Thus Leon captures one gold and two silver medals—for wines and brandies—which of all things entered would we imagine be the hardest to attain, as they come more directly in competition with the products of France than any other class of exhibits. Gadsden county won one gold medal awarded to the Owl Commercial Company, and two silver medals awarded to the Florida Havana Company and Felix Littman (all of Quincy) and which were awarded for exhibits of tobacco for which Gadsden is so deservedly famous.

Such awards to two adjoining counties, whose soils are so similar in many ways speak volumes for the

productiveness of Middle Florida, and shows how rich they may and will be some in the future. It will without doubt be the means of bringing immigration and capital to this section of the State. When we get that, we will have a country prosperous in the true sense of the word. A country rich in the varied products of its fields is one whose citizens need have no fear that a night's cold wave may bring financial ruin or plunge them into the depths of despair.

### Railroad Commission in Session.

The Railroad Commission held a session this week for the purpose of arranging freight rates with the representatives of the various transportation lines, who have been in attendance.

The Commission has submitted a freight classification, which the transportation people will have thirty days to consider.

The following railroad representatives are in the city attending the Commission:

Seaboard Air Line, John A. Henderson, vice-president and general counsel; W. H. Pleasants, assistant general freight agent.

Florida East Coast Railway, James R. Parrott, vice-president and general manager; J. P. Beckwith, traffic manager.

Plant System, John E. Hartridge, division counsel; D. F. Jack, traffic manager; James Menzies, general freight agent.

Jacksonville & Southwestern, E. S. Spencer, general superintendent. Atlantic, Valdosta & Western, S. D. Pickett, general freight and passenger agent.

Independent Line of Steamers, C. E. Garner, president and general manager.

### At Opera House November 16, 1900.

One of the principle attractions to be offered our theatre goes this season is a new farce comedy by Edward Owings Towne the well known author of "Other Peoples Money." The comedy bears the pleasing and suggestive title of "Too Rich To Marry" and is said to be even better than its name would promise. Edward Owings Towne has been for years recognized as one of the leading dramatists and anything from his pen is sure to meet a warm reception at the hands of the great multitude of his admirers. The new comedy is said to be full of sparkling humor, surprising turns and funny situations. One thing is sure, a new play by the author of "Other Peoples Money" is always entitled to be greeted with a crowded house.

### Lieutenant Pasco Killed.

Mr. Pasco received the sad intelligence Tuesday morning by wire, that his eldest son, Lieut. W. D. Pasco had been killed in battle in Manila.

The news was a great shock to every citizen of the town and expressions of sorrow were expressed by every one.

At this writing we have not learned the particulars and as communication is difficult it will probably be several days before all particulars are obtained. The entire community deeply sympathizes with Senator Pasco and his family over their sad loss.

The telegram stated that he was killed on Oct. 29th at 10 o'clock—Monticello Constitution.

### Letters Patent.

Letters patent have been issued for the incorporation of the De Lacy Country Club, with a capital of \$3,000. The club will establish a course or grounds for golf, and other games of amusement, provide games of recreation and amusement, build and maintain a club house, and purchase, hold and transfer real and personal property. The incorporators are H. R. Wardell, G. W. Fisher, W. B. Fudger, V. W. Gould and W. C. Cannons.

### Notice.

There will be a King's Daughters entertainment at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Bond instead of Mr. W. M. McIntosh, Jr., as formerly announced, Friday November 16th, 7:30 p. m., consisting of music and recitations. Admission, 15c, children, 10c. All are cordially invited to attend. Come out and add something to the hospital fund.

### Unveiling Ceremony

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Woodmen of the World will unveil the monument erected to the memory of the late B. A. Meginnis, cashier of the Capital City Bank. Quite an interesting program has been arranged, and the public generally is invited to attend.

## HANCOCK'S GINNERY

Where Only the Latest Improved Machinery is Used

WILL BE ADDED TO SHORTLY

Making an Important Suburb to Tallahassee.

Next door east, from the Cotton Oil Company's possessions only a few rods, is the ginnery operated by Mr. C. T. Hancock and the five acre site which, within the next six or eight months, he will cover with buildings for milling, lumbering and residence purposes.

At present he has only one two-story building and two of the largest and latest improved cotton gins. They take the cotton from the planter's wagon by suction, carry it through the gins and direct to the press. The wagoner, as soon as his vehicle is empty, drives to a side door, receives his seed and packed cotton or a receipt therefor with a selling sample. The process is so quickly done with that many of the uninitiated think a joke is being put up on them, until it is all explained.

As soon as the gining season closes, Mr. Hancock is going to move his big saw mill from Chaires Station to this place and locate it by his ginnery. He then proposes to put in grist mills and bolting machinery for corn, oat and rye meal. The remainder of the tract will then be covered with tenant houses for his operatives, and those of the oil mill.

### Capital Primary.

The last tabulated statement of the vote on the Capital location by the Times-Union, gives the following totals:

Jacksonville, 7,822; Ocala, 4,509; St. Augustine, 2,902; Tallahassee, 14,875.

Since that statement there has been added the complete returns of Citrus, Manatee, Pasco, Santa Rosa and Washington counties, a total of 1,106 votes, bringing Tallahassee's total vote to 15,981, and which it will be seen is more than the total vote of all the other candidates, which foots up to 15,233. There are several counties from which we have not complete returns even yet, and which will add fully from 800 to 1,000 more votes to Tallahassee—while the other candidates cannot hope for any material increase of their vote. If the State Executive Committee deducts the difference between Earle's vote for Clerk of Criminal Court in Duval county and the vote given Jacksonville in that county it will increase Tallahassee's lead by 721 votes. We will not lose any votes in Leon county by the difference between Hopkins' vote, 884, and the Capital vote, 929—or 45 votes, because there was no independent candidate against Hopkins in this county. We can afford a few losses, however, and still win.

### Mrs. E. A. Bannerman.

Mrs. E. A. Bannerman is no more, save a fond recollection to a large circle of relatives and hosts of warm personal friends. Yesterday morning she was suddenly stricken with paralysis and at half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon passed into eternity. She was 81 years of age and the only surviving parent of one of the largest and most influential families of Leon county. As soon as it was apparent that the end was near messengers were despatched for her sons and daughters, but none of them reached her in time to say good bye. They came, however, and will be at the funeral today.

Mrs. Bannerman was highly esteemed by all who knew her, and the sympathies of the entire community go out to the sorrowing relatives.

### A Correction.

Tallahassee, Nov. 9, 1900.—Editor Tallahasseean—Please publish: While I am a sincere believer in Christian Science and not a member of any church, I wish to state I did not conduct the services at Mr. F. Hirt's funeral. I have good reasons to believe Christian Science is the religion of Jesus Christ.

M. T. JOYNER.

### Socrates Tripped.

"No one," gravely announced Socrates, "can arrest the flight of time." "No?" querying interrupted a bystander. "I thought anybody could stop a minute." And even the disciples of the great philosopher were forced to smile behind their togas.—Philadelphia